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is dispersed in a matrix of fusible sugar and/or sugar alcohol and/or sugar substitute.

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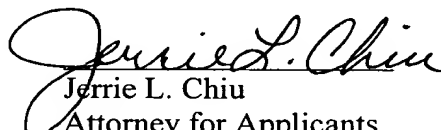
Claims 1-7 are pending. By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 7 have been amended. These claim amendments are being made solely for purposes of placing the claims in the appropriate format for U.S. prosecution.

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-3964.

Respectfully submitted,

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